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have multiple high schools and requires all high schools in the local system meet any criteria specific to high schools, but adds a new set of criteria for being classified as sparse. And what that...the issue that has been raised by some school districts is they would normally qualify as being sparse. Their school district just...the high school happens to be in the wrong place, which does not let them qualify under the miles to another school. We did something similar to this in the very sparse categories. This does not affect very many school districts. I believe there are one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight school districts that have this situation. And then the last situation modifies the countywide system criteria as sparse and currently systems that contain 95 percent of a county are sparse. It's modified that less than two formula students per square mile in the local system and contains an area equal to 95 percent of the square miles in the largest county in which the high school attendance center is located to determine the square miles necessary. You could be big enough to cover the whole county but...the area of the local system, but does not have...but it does not have to be in one county. It has to be an area. These are issues that had been raised to us. We were working these out and that's why we had held 813 on Final Reading. There's one other one we're going to have to come back to. We had filed a letter with the Speaker holding it until we had these situations worked out and these amendments worked out. So I would ask for your approval to return to Select File.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the motion to return, Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: To the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker and members of the money (sic), I'd just like to ask Senator Bohlke just one question, just to have it on the record.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, would you respond?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.